



File Code: 1920-2-2

Date: November 23, 2015

Dear Forest User,

Enclosed is a copy of the draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Paint Creek Project on the Unaka Ranger District. A summary table describing the current and desired condition and the proposed treatment by alternative for stands to be commercially treated is enclosed as well.


Four alternatives were analyzed in the Paint Creek Environmental Assessment (EA), and I am proposing to implement Alternative D. This alternative will utilize commercial and noncommercial timber harvest to provide early successional wildlife habitat, improve forest health, diversify age class distribution and restore forest communities. Connected and associated actions such as site preparation, release of mast-producing trees from competition, repair and maintenance of system roads, temporary and new road construction, providing water sources for wildlife, providing wildlife habitat structures, prescribed burning, restoration of wetland habitat, and decommissioning and authorizing existing roads are also part of this analysis. The project is located approximately 10 miles south of Greeneville in Greene County, Tennessee.

The EA and Appendices can be found at:

[http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=41477](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41477) or requested from the address below.

This decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218.5 and must meet content requirements of 36 CFR 218.8. A written objection must be postmarked or received within 45 days after the date the legal notice is published in the *Greeneville Sun*. However, when the time period expires on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the time is extended to the end of the next Federal working day.

If you have questions about the project, please contact: Leslie Morgan, District Ranger, Unaka Ranger Station, 4900 Asheville Highway, Greeneville, TN 37743, or by phone at (423) 638-4109.

  
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Leslie Morgan  
District Ranger

